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## Drug Administration Coding and Payment Policy – Update to Pub. 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing Manual

### Provider Types Affected

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Physicians and providers billing Medicare carriers for drug administration procedures

### Providers Action Needed

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This article and Change Request (CR) 5028 provide specific information regarding the interim G codes that were adopted in 2005 and operational until 2006 when the new Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes become operational. In **2006 CPT codes replace the interim G codes**. Beginning in 2006 physicians will follow CPT coding guidelines and select codes that best represent the underlying service. Implementation of these revised coding guidelines will help Medicare make prompt and correct payments for drug administration services.

Under the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA), drug administration codes included three categories of services for which there were no work relative value units as of October 1, 2003:

- Hydration
- Therapeutic, prophylactic, and diagnostic injections and infusions
- Chemotherapy administration

The MMA established work relative value units for these codes and provided transitional payment adjustments in 2004 and 2005. Carriers have and may continue to pay for these services under the Medicare physician fee schedule.

### Background

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The purpose of this CR is to incorporate in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* the payment policy and claims processing instructions previously included in Transmittal 129, CR 3631 (2005 Drug Administration Coding Revisions) issued

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on December 10, 2004, and Transmittal 148, CR3818 (Revised Coding Guidelines for Drug Administration Codes), issued on April 15, 2005.

## Implementation

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The implementation date for this instruction is June 26, 2006.

## Additional Information

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The official instructions issued to your Medicare carrier regarding this change can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R968CP.pdf> on the CMS web site.

The address for Pub. 100-04, *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 12, Section 30.5. (Internet Only Manual), is <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c12.pdf> on the CMS web site.

Transmittal 129, CR3631 (2005 Drug Administration Coding Revisions), issued on December 10, 2004, may be viewed at <http://new.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/Downloads/R129OTN.pdf> on the CMS web site.

The MLN article MM3631 may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3631.pdf> on the CMS web site.

Transmittal 148, CR 3818 (Revised Coding Guidelines for Drug Administration Codes) issued on April 15, 2005, may be viewed at <http://new.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R148OTN.pdf> on the CMS web site.

The MLN article MM3818 may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3818.pdf> on the CMS web site.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare intermediary, carrier, or DMERC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/contacts/> on the CMS web site.

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